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DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

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FILE: B-179500

DATE: July 25, 1974

MATTER OF: Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. D. 3731
Interior Telephone Company

Protest AGAINST

DIGEST: Contract for telephone services to residences on
Government reservation may be made to only firm
conditionally granted authority by Public Utility
Commission for such service notwithstanding pro-
test from two firms whose applications to provide
the service were denied by the Public Utility
Commission.

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4 Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc., and Interior Telephone
Company protest the award of a contract by the Department of the
Army to the City of Anchorage d/o/a Anchorage Telephone Utility
5 (Anchorage) for the furnishing of telephone exchange services to
"unofficial" subscribers at Fort Richardson, Alaska, pursuant to
Communication Service Authorization Contract AF 04(606)-8925,
June 21, 1961-FR-CIFZ-3, February 1, 1973.

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It is contended, inter alia, that both of the protesters
offered to provide telephone services to residents of Fort
Richardson at lower rates than Anchorage. Furthermore, Matanuska
takes exception to the manner in which various of the evaluation
factors utilized in the evaluation of proposals were applied to
its proposal. Matanuska also objects to the weight attached to
the evaluation factor pertaining to reimbursement to the Govern-
ment for the use of Government-furnished equipment located at
the fort.

In reviewing the record before us, it is noted that the
State of Alaska Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has denied the
applications of Interior and Matanuska for authority to furnish
local telephone service to unofficial subscribers at Fort
Richardson while granting such authorization to Anchorage,
contingent only upon the submission of suitable engineering
plans, installation specifications, and rate schedules. In
view thereof, it would appear that an award to either of the
protesting concerns would be precluded by the PUC decree, and
the protests consequently appear moot.

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Accordingly, our Office is unable to take any action on the protests.

R. H. Kottler
Acting Comptroller General
of the United States